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In the claims:

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For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes shown.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a separator page used for separating print jobs being output from a printer system, said method comprising:
receiving an input separator page for use in identifying a first second print job;
determining if said input separator page contains any prior first print job information indicating use of the input separator page as a first print job page;
obscuring said prior first print job information if said prior first print job information is determined to be present on said input separator page; and
printing current second print job information on said input separator page thereby providing a first second print job separator page.
2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said determining includes obtaining a bit map image of said input separator page.
3. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said determining is accomplished by scanning said input separator page using an optical scanning device.
4. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said determining is accomplished by obtaining a photo image of said input separator page.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:
printing said first second print job;

assembling said first second print job with said first second print job separator page;
and

outputting said first second print job with said first second print job separator page
from said printer.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:
inputting said first second print job separator page containing said first second print job
information for receiving by said printer system for processing a third second input separator
page to be used to identify a third second print job.

7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia,
said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being,
selectively coupled to processing circuitry within a computer system, said reading device
being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program
signals representative thereof, said program signals being selectively operable for enabling
processing of separator pages used for separating print jobs being output from a printer
system by effecting the steps of:

receiving an input separator page for use in identifying a first second print job;
determining if said input separator page contains any prior first print job information
indicating use of the input separator page as a first print job page;
obscuring said prior first print job information if said prior first print job information
is determined to be present on said input separator page; and
printing current second print job information on said input separator page thereby
providing a first second print job separator page.

8. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 7 wherein said determining includes obtaining a bit map image of said input separator page.

9. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 7 wherein said determining is accomplished by scanning said input separator page using an optical scanning device.

10. (Original) The medium as set forth in claim 7 wherein said determining is accomplished by obtaining a photo image of said input separator page.

11. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 7 and further including:

printing said first second print job;

assembling said first second print job with said first second print job separator page;

and

outputting said first second print job with said first second print job separator page from said printer.

12. (Currently Amended) The medium as set forth in claim 7 and further including:

inputting said first second print job separator page for receiving by said printer system for processing a third second input separator page to be used to identify a third second print job.

13. (Currently Amended) A printing system for processing separator pages used for separating print jobs being output from said printing system, said printing system comprising:

a printer device;

an input device for providing an input separator page to said printer for identifying a first second print job;

an image acquisition device arranged between said input device and said printer device, said image acquisition device being operable for obtaining image information identifying information contained on said input separator page; and processing means coupled to said image acquisition device for determining if said input separator page contains any prior first print job information indicating use of the input separator page as a first print job page, said printer device being operable for obscuring said prior first print job information if said prior first print job information is determined to be present on said input separator page, said printer device being operable for printing first second print job information on said input separator page at a predetermined position relative to said obscured prior first print job information thereby providing a first second print job separator page.

14. (Original) The printing system as set forth in claim 13 wherein said image acquisition device is operable for obtaining a bit map image of said input separator page.

15. (Original) The printing system as set forth in claim 13 wherein said image acquisition device is an optical scanner.

16. (Original) The printing system as set forth in claim 13 wherein said image acquisition device is a digital camera.

17. (Original) The printing system as set forth in claim 13 wherein said processing means is operable for comparing said image information contained on said input separator page with reference image information stored in memory.

18. (Currently Amended) The printing system as set forth in claim 13 wherein said input device is operable for inputting said second first print job separator page containing said second first print job information to said printer system for processing a third second input separator page to be used to identify a third second print job.